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WOUNDED LONG ISLAND HERO NEEDS HELP

Port Jefferson, NY— The family of wounded Long Island hero Lt. John Fernandez of Rocky Point, is holding a fundraiser to help defray costs related to his hospitalization and recovery. Lt. Fernandez was wounded when his unit was hit by Iraqi mortar fire on the night of April 3 and lost his right leg below the knee and his left foot. For the past few weeks, he has been at Walter Reed Medical Center in Washington, DC, with his wife Kristi and his parents, John and Mary.

The family has been caught between the twin financial blows of expenses incurred because of their stay in Washington and loss of income because they had to leave their jobs. Additionally, the family is raising funds to help assist Lt. Fernandez when he returns to Long Island following his hospital stay.

“Lt. Fernandez is a hero, and it is important for Long Islanders to take care of our heroes in need,” Congressman Tim Bishop (D-Southampton) said.

The fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, May 10 at Darins Port at 145 Main Street in Port Jefferson from 1-3pm. While \$10 is the suggested donation, any help would be appreciated. Additionally, there will be raffles at the fundraiser, local restaurants are donating gift certificates for lunch and dinner. Additionally, the family is looking for sponsors, both corporate and individuals. Anyone who is interested in helping can call Sandy Schmalz at (631) 744-4992.

For those who cannot attend Saturday’s fundraiser but would like to help the Fernandez family, please send a check made out to The John Fernandez Fund to:

The John Fernandez Fund
c/o Greenpoint Bank
Attn: Deborah Wojcik
75 Route 25A
Rocky Point, NY 11778

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